men, such a battle would be a fearful risk, while if we move towards Trqyes and strike in at their rear, while the Duke of Taranto retreats disputing every position, we may stand a much better chance.

Epernay:

To-morrow before dawn I shall start for Arcis-sur-Aube; I shall be there day after to-inorrow at noon, to strike the enemy's rear.

20th, Plancy:

I crossed the Aube yesterday. I then moved straight on Mery. I attacked the town and occupied it at 7 p. M. The Emperor Alexander was at Arcy on the 18th. He only staid an hour; we were nearly face to face.

(To Berthier.) Write at once to the Duke of Taranto to move everything on Arcis, even General G6rard, even the National Guards.

During the fight at Arcis-sur-Aube I did all I could to meet with a glorious end defending the soil of our country inch by inch. I exposed myself continuously. Bullets rained all around me; my clothes were full of them; but not one touched me. I am condemned to live!

23d, Chateau du Plessis:

(To Berthier.) Send a gendarme in disguise to Metz, send another one to Nancy, and one to Bar, with letters for the mayors. Inform them that we are operating against the enemy's communications, that the moment has come for a levy *en* masse, to ring the tocsin, to arrest everywhere the enemy's officers and commissaries, to attack the convoys, to seize the magazines and reserves of the enemy; let them immediately publish this order in